



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.8

Soil moisture supplies: 29% very short, 39% short, 30% adequate and 2% surplus

### Field Crops Report

There was very little drought relief across the state from scattered rain showers received late in the week. Drought conditions persisted across much of the state this week as statewide precipitation averaged about half an inch. Sorghum producers wrapped-up the sorghum harvest this week. The rice harvest was nearly complete and the rice ratoon crop seemed to be growing well. The cotton harvest remained well ahead of the norm, reaching 69 percent harvested, 44 points ahead of the five-year average. The soybean harvest was well underway and many producers used harvest aids for field dry-down. Sweet potato harvest was in full swing as they reached 32 percent harvested, slightly ahead of the five year average, with fair yields reported. Sugarcane producers were nearly finished with planting and began to prepare for harvest in the next couple of weeks.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Strawberry producers laid black plastic in fields and planted strawberry plants. Vegetable producers planted fall crops and irrigated cabbage, tomato, and bell pepper fields. Citrus producers scouted for insects.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattle producers continued to market calves and prepared to plant ryegrass. Some producers delayed plowing for ryegrass because it was so dry. In some areas, livestock pastures were dry and the quality of forages declined daily. Some areas still had problems with army worms in the forages. Persistent drought conditions had some cattle producers feeding hay.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Cotton	Bolls Open	99	98	89	95
	Harvested	69	48	5	25
Hay	Second cutting	99	98	96	97
Rice	Harvested	96	92	88	92
Sorghum	Harvested	100	99	97	97
Soybeans	Dropping Leaves	89	74	77	84
	Harvested	67	55	50	61
Sugarcane	Planted	95	84	90	83
Sweet potatoes	Harvested	32	18	19	27

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	1	14	30	51	4
Sugarcane	1	8	21	38	32
Sweet Potatoes	4	5	35	55	1
Livestock	3	12	41	39	5
Vegetables	13	32	37	18	0
Pasture	12	30	34	22	2

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 09/20/10 TO 09/26/10

	AIR				WEEKLY TOTAL	PRECIPITATION		
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM		FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	(100)	66	82	74	0.03	0.48	19.15	37.25
Minden	100	65	82	73	0.08	1.10	25.84	40.33
Mooringsport	99	63	83	MM	0.05	1.67	29.19	33.70
Extreme/Average	100	63	82	74	0.05	1.08	24.73	38.24
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	99	67	82	74	0.51	1.66	26.41	40.72
Homer/Hill Farm	97	62	80	73	0.00	0.25	27.03	40.67
ULM-Monroe	99	68	83	74	0.56	0.92	27.36	42.24
Columbia Lock	100	68	83	MM	0.13	0.52	20.02	43.86
Extreme/Average	100	62	82	74	0.30	0.84	25.21	41.62
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	96	65	81	74	0.13	0.90	22.61	43.02
LSU-St Joseph	95	67	82	75	0.20	1.13	28.38	41.92
LSU-Winnsboro	99	66	83	74	1.89	2.88	25.13	41.21
Tallulah	96	68	81	74	0.07	0.88	26.86	43.16
Extreme/Average	99	65	82	74	0.57	1.45	25.75	42.26
4. West-Central								
Leesville	96	63	80	74	0.10	1.72	24.13	42.08
LSU-Rosepine	95	66	82	75	0.34	1.21	30.98	43.12
Ashland	99	64	81	73	0.53	1.34	21.32	40.25
Extreme/Average	99	63	81	74	0.32	1.42	22.73	40.95
5. Central								
Alexandria	96	71	82	76	1.00	1.81	34.20	43.91
Bunkie	95	69	82	75	0.38	1.22	41.72	45.22
LSU-Alexandria	96	(60)	81	75	0.00	1.15	32.19	42.73
Extreme/Average	96	60	82	76	0.46	1.39	36.04	44.60
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	92	68	80	MM	0.15	1.94	41.66	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	92	67	81	76	0.06	1.32	36.83	47.37
Amite	96	65	81	75	0.01	0.53	39.46	50.97
LSU-Hammond	91	67	80	75	0.03	2.22	38.40	49.80
Slidell	91	70	81	76	2.11	3.25	54.27	49.20
Extreme/Average	96	65	81	76	0.47	1.85	42.12	49.69
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	95	68	82	76	0.00	0.85	32.26	44.69
Jennings	93	72	82	76	0.01	1.94	39.25	45.17
LSU-Crowley	93	71	82	77	0.02	1.56	34.54	45.36
Extreme/Average	95	68	82	76	0.01	1.45	35.35	45.99
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	91	70	81	76	2.73	5.36	43.68	47.82
LSU-Jeanerette	92	72	82	76	1.58	3.19	46.16	48.43
Morgan City	91	73	82	77	0.08	4.02	34.08	51.12
Extreme/Average	92	70	82	77	1.46	4.19	41.31	48.88
9. Southeast								
Galliano	90	70	81	77	0.69	4.71	52.51	52.45
Houma	94	70	81	77	1.25	6.73	46.58	50.96
Terrytown 3S	92	73	83	MM	1.02	2.17	45.66	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	94	70	82	78	0.99	4.54	48.25	50.70
State								
Extremes/Averages	100	60	82	76	0.47	1.96	34.20	45.03

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through September 26, 2010

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